GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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QUALITY OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several ongoing road projects under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are not upto the standard;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has decided to inquire into the matter and monitor the projects to improve quality;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the funds allocated by the Government under PMGSY and the expenditure incurred by each State/Union Territory during each of the last three years and the current year;

(g) whether these funds have been fully utilized/spent by the concerned States;

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(i) the action taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (i) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in Reply to parts (a) to
(i) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 60 admitted for Answer on 25th November, 2005.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana focuses on Quality of the road works. A three tier quality monitoring system has been put in operation. If the quality of work is not up to the mark at the time of initial inspection, action is required to be taken to make the quality upto required standard. If quality of any completed work inspected is not satisfactory, the contract provides that the contractor should rectify the defects at his own cost. The Quality Assurance of rural roads in India is in the process of evolution and efforts are made to improve the Quality. The grading given by the National Quality Monitors (NQMs) at the third tier, for the completed works inspected during the period July 2004 to July 2005 State-wise, are indicated in the Statement at Annexure I. The system of Quality Assurance of PMGSY roadworks is periodically reviewed through Regional Review Meetings, to make it more and more focused and need based. The parameters for grading have also been undergoing changes, for reflecting the true quality.

2. The funds released and the expenditure incurred on PMGSY works, State-wise, for phase II, III, IV and V, as reported by the States/Union Territories, are given in the Statement at Annexure II. Utilisation of funds is affected by lack of absorption capacity in States and climatic or such other adverse conditions which affect progress of works.

3. States are regularly advised to focus on their capacity building and provide dedicated staff for PMGSY works to expedite the works and maximum utilization of funds.